



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Autumn Term 2021 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to Year 2!

Year 2 Team: Mrs Crawford, Mrs Kohler, Mrs Mcandrews, Mrs Smith, Mrs Ali
Key Stage 1 Phase Leader: Mrs Kohler

Our Curriculum:(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: At the beginning of term we will be counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards from different numbers. We will be looking at place value and number, looking at the amount of tens and ones in different numbers and moving onto addition and subtraction during the term. We will explore different measures including time and money, and look at shapes, fractions and statistics. When we are ready, we will also learn about multiplication and division towards the end of term.

English: This term our Focus Theme is 'Feature Finders!' We will be reading our Focus Text and looking at postcards, letters and stories in different settings. We will look at different features in the stories to link in with our Topic work and also learn about different features within the text and writing, such as capital letters, nouns, adjectives etc. We will start the year by discussing different places we have visited.

Religious Education: We will be studying the Bible, Non-Christian special books and Good News Bringers. If you have a Bible or a special book at home please could you talk about your favourite stories and read it together. Later in the term we will discuss and explore, 'Why the birth of Jesus was such good news for Christians.'

Science: This term we will be learning all about materials and their properties, naming different materials and discussing how they are made. We will also look at how some materials can be changed, e.g. bending, twisting and stretching.

Computing: The children will be introduced to computers and the hardware involved. They will learn the skills required to operate the computer correctly, especially with using the keyboard. They will learn about online safety and the need to keep passwords secret before being introduced to coding through the second half of the term.

Topic (History and Geography): Our first topic will be 'Feature Finders!' This includes searching for different geographical features, looking at human and physical features of different places. We will be discussing how places have changed over time and develop our mapping skills by drawing maps and creating keys. We will also find out about significant people and places within our locality.

Music: In music the children are learning a variety of songs and hymns and practising to keep a steady pulse. They will learn the difference between pulse and rhythm and be able to copy simple rhythms.

Physical Education: We will continue to developing our fundamental skills by moving and dancing in different ways.

Art and Design: To link with our Topic work, we will be learning about features in Standish and create some artwork in the style of the artist Gaudi.

Design and Technology: We will be designing and making a Christmas Puppet out of felt.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE):
This term we be focusing on 'Me and My Relationships'. We will be talking about listening to others and playing cooperatively. We will discuss how people make friends and what makes a good friendship.

Autumn Term Focus Theme:

Feature Finders!

Focus Reading Text:

'More Katie Morag's Island Stories' by Mairi Hedderwick

Recommended Websites:

[www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/Purple Mash](http://www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/PurpleMash)

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport
@ccrawfordclass @MrsKohlersclass @Ldavesclass

Home Learning: All home learning is now set via Purple Mash. Please make sure that your child checks 2email in Purple Mash weekly for information about home learning.

Spellings: Children will be given a spelling list every Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

Reading: In order to become competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents/Carers are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

We ask parents/carers to sign and date reading records every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week). This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. Reading records must be brought into school on your child's allocated day, for teachers to monitor.

Children will have their reading book changed in school every week.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high-quality texts in class, including 'Reading for Pleasure' books, and 'Related Reads', which are linked to their focus theme.

Please also visit our website to view our 'Reading Round-Up', 'Author of the Month', 'Reading Challenges', 'Reading Wall of Fame', 'Reading Rabbits' and 'Patron of Reading'.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Maths: All children have now got access to **Maths Whizz**, which is a virtual maths tutoring programme [link](#) and **TT Rockstars** (Year 1 to 6 only), a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#)

Please encourage your child to these online programmes on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Autumn Term 2021 Diary Dates:



Monday 6th September	School opens for Autumn Term 1
Monday 20th September	PTFA AGM
Friday 24th September	Non-Uniform Day for September Birthdays
Tuesday 5th October	Virtual Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 8th October	PTFA Family Night
Tuesday 12th October	Individual and Siblings Photographs
Thursday 14th October	Virtual Parents' Evening 6 – 8pm
Thursday 21st October	Non-Uniform Day for October Birthdays
Thursday 21st October	School closes for Half Term
Monday 1st November	School reopens for Autumn Term 2
Friday 26th November	Non-Uniform Day for November Birthdays
Thursday 2nd December	PTFA Storytime with Santa event
Friday 10th December	KS2 Christmas Disco
Friday 17th December	Non-Uniform Day for December Birthdays
Friday 17th December	School closes for Christmas holiday

Autumn Term 2021 Worship Themes:

w/c 06.09.21	New Beginnings
w/c 13.09.21	Courage
w/c 20.09.21	Giving/Harvest
w/c 27.09.21	Angels
w/c 04.10.21	Serving
w/c 11.10.21	Christianity around the world
w/c 18.10.21	Healing
w/c 01.11.21	All Saints
w/c 08.11.21	Remembrance
w/c 15.11.21	Fair
w/c 22.11.21	Prayer
w/c 29.11.21	Advent
w/c 06.12.21	Joy
w/c 13.12.21	Celebration

Additional Information

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

PE Uniform: PE lessons will take place on Monday. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, and navy/black shorts, or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in inclement weather.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 5.00pm.

Pets: Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms (new or continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or sense of smell) they must self-isolate and arrange a PCR test. Please inform school immediately of the result.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black. Long hair should be tied back. We discourage extreme haircuts eg: unnatural colours, closely shaven, mohawks

Earrings: Children are not permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

Snacks: Children may bring in a snack of either toast or a piece of fruit for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars are not permitted at playtime. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

Birthday Celebrations: We will continue to invite children to wear non-uniform on the last Friday of the month of their birthday. As restrictions have now been lifted for parties, children will not be required to bring in a party snack.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that you child's class teacher is provided with medication that is within its expiry date and is clearly labelled. You will be required to complete a medical form from the school office.